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Al Hamdoo Lillah Wa Ashadoo Allah Ilaha Illa Allah

Praise be to God and I bear witness there is no God except One God.

A WAY TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN GOD

There are numerous ways to build confidence in God and all cannot be mentioned here although I do not know all of them, as the creation of God is vast and unaccountable. One of ways that I know for sure is through praying and imploring Him. It is an easiest way to understand Him and his qualities by concentrating on our prayers.

As per my understanding goes prayer is something that can only be directed to Him alone. Asking someone even for a smallest of the favor is illegitimate; seeking favor from other than God is seeking help with an entity that does not have power of his own.

That's why God has commanded us,

[2:153] O you, who believe, seek help through steadfastness and the Contact Prayers (Salat). GOD is with those who steadfastly persevere.

[6:41] The fact is: only Him you implore, and He **answers** your prayer, if He so wills, and you forget your idols.

We also find a lesson in, in the history of Joseph,

[12:42] He then said to the one to be saved "Remember me at your lord."* Thus, the devil caused him to forget his Lord, and, consequently, he remained in prison a few more years.

By connecting these verses and understanding it should end our worries, if it doesn't then there is something wrong with us. Although here what Joseph did, was basically a demonstration of human traits and I feel such things do happen with the believers at least once so that he realizes his mistakes and takes heed of it and may be this is how God polishes the believers, like polishing the faces of Diamond. On the other hand if an individual implores and his misery still persist and is also a recurring phenomenon than that person needs to look into his deeds seriously. Something is wrong with his belief in God.

My belief is that there should be accomplishment of our prays to God, by God giving reply to it, hence when you call God to solve your problems and that concern of yours vanishes away than God is with you. You see

this is what I mean, when we are actually praying we are not only praying to God but putting our confidence and trust in God to a test. This can be an individual's choice to call Him as frequent he may like.

In other words the ability of GOD being God can only be tested by asking Him to do simplest of the things for us. If that request is not fulfilled then one should understand that the help is not sought from the rightful god. By definition God is the one who does everything right. Of course when I say simplest of the thing I do not mean stupid things after knowing the fact that He cannot come down to this world, asking something like this would be like asking the end of the world. So there is a law that God has set which should be realized while building confidence in God or when asking God to do anything for us.

I am sure when one implores to God and it is answered, it only keeps one increasing the level of confidence in God. Some prayers may be answered quickly while some may take time hence in verse [2:153] patience is the key word, For instance the prayers of Jacob took some time to accomplish as it is we understand that it was connected with the life of Joseph's future.

The prayer of Jacob

[12:18] They produced his shirt with fake blood on it. He said, "Indeed, you have conspired with each other to commit a certain scheme. All I can do is resort to a quiet patience. May GOD help me in the face of your conspiracy."

So again help and patience go hand in hand.

[12:96] When the bearer of good news arrived, he threw (the shirt) on his face, whereupon his vision was restored. He said, "Did I not tell you that I knew from GOD what you did not know?"

What much can we say about Jacob's confidence in God.

On the other hand God replied Zackariah's imploring quickly,

[3:38] That is when Zachariah implored his Lord: "My Lord, grant me such a good child; You are the Hearer of the prayers."

[3:39] The angels called him when he was praying in the sanctuary: "GOD gives you good news of John; a believer in the word of GOD, honorable, moral, and a righteous prophet."

I feel when some one asks or implores to God for something one should keep it's track to see how it goes because we may ask God for something that we do not need desperately and when actually it is fulfilled, we may forget to appreciate His blessings.

Once we know God controls every thing then one should ask God to control that person's mind to help us to fulfill our needs. As in the case of Joseph he had to pay for it by staying for more time in the prison.

Imploring God is better than going for a lottery ticket, there you do not know whether you will win or not but in case of building confidence in God it is a sure shot. It is also a best method to determine whether God is on our side or not.

My idea of imploring God is a key tool in building confidence in God is adopted from that verse where Abraham in spite of being the founder of the religion and being the vanguard of submission still needed God to assure his heart. And I feel God wants us to know that we being the later lot of submitters too need an assurance to build our confidence in Him. This is something exceptionally between God and that person.

[2:260] Abraham said, "My Lord show me how you revive the dead" He said, "do you not believe?" He said "Yes, but I wish to reassure my heart." He said, "Take four birds, study their marks, place a piece of each bird on top a hill, then call them to you. They will come to you in a hurry. You should know that God is Almighty, Most Wise."

God by putting these verses in Quran is inviting us too to call Him, implore Him to reassure and build our confidence in Him. And I wouldn't be saying this if this trick weren't working for me.

May God Bless us with such an assurance and confidence in Him.

Tooboo Ila Allah (Repent to God).